



99 MAY 28 PM 5:42

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

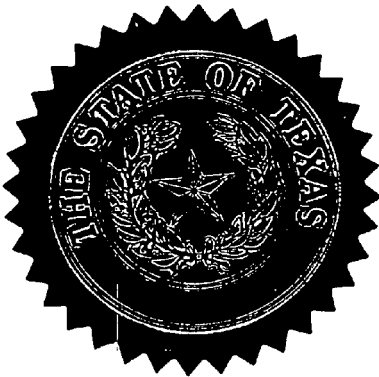
STATE OF TEXAS

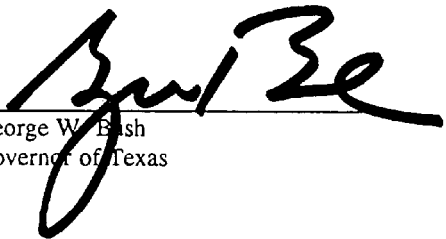
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto House Bill 2107 because of the following objection:

House Bill No. 2107 imposes an unwarranted tax increase on fireworks that would force the effective sales tax in some areas of the state to exceed the statutory limit of 8.25 percent. The bill would compel consumers to pay for a new fire prevention program that duplicates an established and already funded program controlled and implemented by the Commission on Fire Protection. The Commission's existing program addresses the issues raised by this bill thus rendering it unnecessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 28th day of May, 1999.



  
George W. Bush  
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

6:00 PM O'CLOCK

MAY 28 1999  
  
Secretary of State